

EDITORIAL

We are delighted to share with you the latest volume of *Mali Levijatan / Little Leviathan*. In this volume, we present six – both empirical and theoretical – papers. Almost all of the papers were presented at the conference titled *Democracy at a Turning Point? Current Issues and Potential Alternatives* organized by the Students Union of the Faculty of Political Science from the University of Zagreb in cooperation with our journal. Therefore, this volume contains papers covering a variety of topics written by authors with different academic backgrounds – from BA to PhD level – coming from institutions across Europe. This is the most diverse *Little Leviathan* yet and the first one to have the majority of papers written in English.

As its overarching theme, this volume questions the concept of democracy by primarily focusing on contemporary issues and indicators that shape the societies of today. In the first paper titled *Populism in Old and New Democracies*, authors Kohutova and Horvat analyze discourses of populist parties in old (Finland and Sweden) and new (Czech Republic, Slovakia) democracies, showing that there is no clear distinction between the two. In *Towards Democracy? Academic Activism as a Struggle to Re-create Collective Values*, Belina presents an analysis of social movements focusing on the cases from the US, the UK and Chile, highlighting important aspects of academic activism. This is followed by *Making of a Culture Repertoire: Turkish Migrants Perception in Europe through Movies*, written by Kaçar who analyzed movies related to Turkish migrants in Europe in terms of the concept of culture repertoire.

In the following paper titled *Waves of Democracy and Corruption*, Miculinić presents a quantitative analysis on the impact a democratic transition can have on democracy. Bokša and Bokšová in *Turkey in a State of Political Tumult* show, using the method of process tracing, current implications of democracy in Turkey. In the last paper *Democracy as a Turning Point*, Nikolić and Milić present theoretical literature review dealing with the concept of democracy and problems that arise from it. Moreover, Potz wrote a report on the conference where most of the papers mentioned above were presented, while Jušić wrote *in memoriam* for our dear professor Lidija Čehulić Vukadinović from the University of Zagreb who left us too soon in November 2017 and to whom we dedicate this

volume.

In addition to the hard work put in the editing of this volume, we are also glad to report that the Editorial Board was awarded the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence at the Faculty of Political Science in Zagreb for its intensive editorial work on the previous volume. There were also some changes in the Editorial Board, as we had to say goodbye to our editors Kristina Čelap and Matej Sever, who graduated from the University of Zagreb. Following the open call, we welcomed two new Editorial Board members – Nina Skočak and Matej Mikašinović-Komšo who have proven to be a valuable addition for the journal.

Moreover, we have welcomed three new English language editors – Tena Filetin, Ivica Jeđud, and Alen Obrazović – from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb, and a new layout graphic designer – Karla Kućel – from Technische Universität in Vienna. Same as the last year, Ivana Đerke served as the Croatian language editor, while Lucija Gudek designed the cover page. Tiskara Zelina was responsible for the print version of this volume once again. We would like to thank the entire team behind *Little Leviathan* for their tremendous work and cooperation!

We are also very thankful to Professor Lidija Kos-Stanišić, the dean of the Faculty of Political Science in Zagreb, as well as to the vice-deans Đana Luša, Davor Boban and Andrija Henjak, for supporting the latest volume of *Little Leviathan*. Furthermore, we thank Students' Union of the University of Zagreb for their financial support that allowed us to realize a print version of this volume. Finally, it goes without saying that we are the most grateful to you – our readers, students and young scholars – for following our journal closely and supporting our vision of creating and maintaining a platform that allows young and ambitious students to publish their works.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy reading this volume!

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